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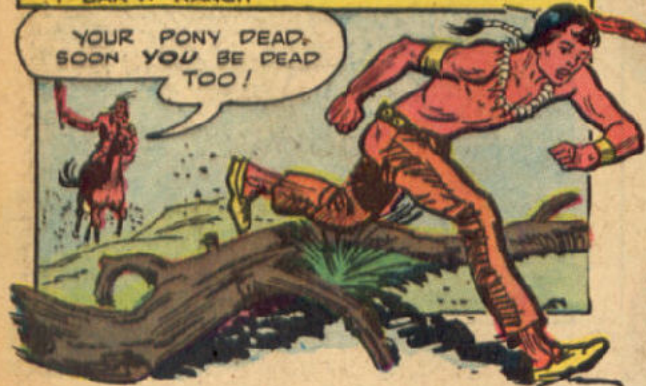
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"THE DEATH RATTLE!"

SOMEWHERE IN THE FOOTHILLS—CLOSE TO THE SALT RIVER HILLS, FAR SOUTH OF THE T-BAR-H RANCH—

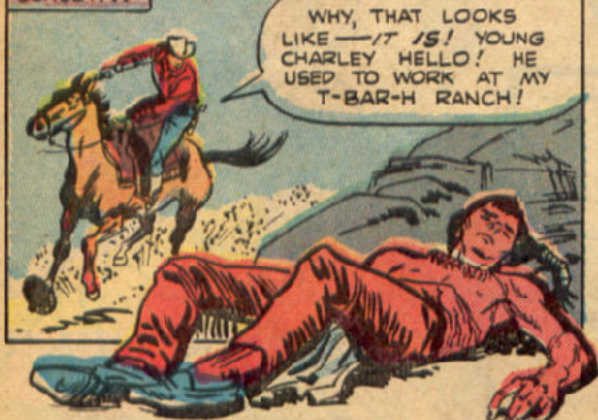
YOUR PONY DEAD. SOON YOU BE DEAD TOO!



GNNNGG!

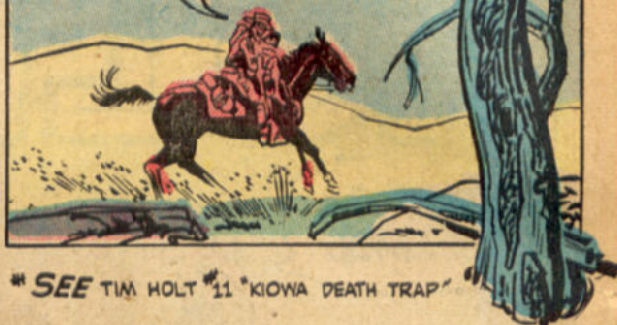
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FOR HOURS THE LIMP FORM OF YOUNG CHULILILLO—HEREDITARY CHIEF OF THE KIWAS—LIES AS IF DEAD. THEN TOWARD SUNSET...



WHY, THAT LOOKS LIKE—IT IS! YOUNG CHARLEY HELLO! HE USED TO WORK AT MY T-BAR-H RANCH!

HE'S HURT—BADLY! I ALMOST RAISED HIM FROM A PUP, THAT TIME RUNNING BEAR TRIED TO KILL HIM, AND BECAME CHIEF IN HIS STEAD! I CAN'T LET HIM DIE!



* SEE TIM HOLT * 11 * KIOWA DEATH TRAP *

HOURS LATER, AT THE T-BAR-H RANCH HOUSE...

WASN'T AS BAD AS IT LOOKED TIM. HE'S YOUNG AND STRONG. OUGHT TO PULL THROUGH IN FINE SHAPE!

WHAT A RELIEF!



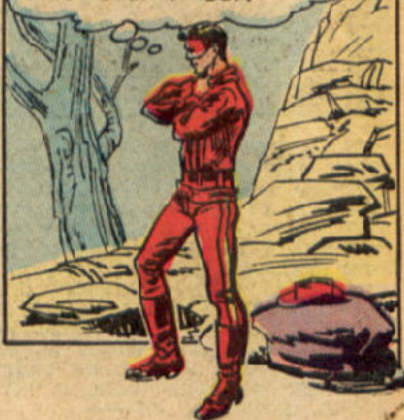
ALL THAT NIGHT WHILE A HIGH FEVER HOLDS CHARLEY HELLO IN ITS DELIRIOUS GRIP, TIM SITS HUNCHED BY THE BEDSIDE...

BIG RATTLE... KILLS MY PEOPLE... DOG RUNNING BAD... KILL ME... OR THROW ME INTO DEATH RATTLE... NO... NO... NO...!



NEXT DAY, WITH THE FEVER BROKEN AND CHARLEY WELL ALONG ON THE ROAD TO COMPLETE RECOVERY, TIM HOLT VISITS A LITTLE STONE CACHE DEEP IN THE RIPSAP MOUNTAINS...

NOW ANOTHER CHIEF WANTS TO OUST CHARLEY HELLO FROM THE KIOWA LEADERSHIP BECAUSE HE'S ONLY A BOY!



FROM WHAT HE BABBLER IN HIS SLEEP THIS DOG RUNNING WANTS TO BRING HIS PEOPLE BACK TO THE WARPATH AND SCALP DANCE WAR WITH THE PALEFACES. — ALL OF WHAT HE CALLS THE "OLD GLORIES"! BUT WHAT I CAN'T GET OVER IS THIS "DEATH RATTLE"! NO RATTLE COULD BE SO BIG THAT IT WOULD HOLD PEOPLE INSIDE IT!



AT THAT MOMENT, MILES AWAY IN KIOWA COUNTRY—

TAKE HIM TO THE RATTLE OF DEATH!

NO... NO... NO...!



THE DEATH RATTLE
HANGS SUSPENDED
BETWEEN TWO
THICK TREE-STUMPS,
HIGH OVER
MILE DROP CANYON—

IT IS SO
BROAD
THAT
MEN
CAN BE
PLACED
WITHIN
ITS
ROUND
INTERIOR...

NO, DOG RUNNING!
I AM NOT AFRAID
OF DEATH— BUT
THIS— THIS IS A
MONSTROUS WAY
TO DIE—

SUDDENLY—

DOG RUNNING!
I COME TO AVENGE
CHULILILLO!

WHO SPEAKS
OF THE
DEAD BOY?

WITH YOUR OWN LIPS
YOU PROVE YOUR GUILT!
NO WORD WAS EVER TAKEN
BACK TO THE TRIBE ABOUT
YOUNG CHARLEY! IF YOU
CALL HIM DEAD IT'S BECAUSE
YOU SENT MEN TO KILL HIM!

AWWK!

POWW!

BUT HE'S ALIVE!
HE'S COMING
BACK— AND
YOU'LL BE
PUNISHED,
DOG RUNNING!
HANGED FOR
KILLING MEN IN
THAT RATTLE!

IT'S MORE IMPORTANT
TO SAVE YOUR LIFE THAN
TO GO AFTER DOG RUNNING
AND HIS MEN. I CAN ALWAYS
FIND THEM IN THE KIOWA
VILLAGE!

DON'T LET
THEM...PUT
ME IN THE
DEATH
RATTLE...!

WATCH FOR REDMASK MAGAZINE ON SALE APRIL 23rd!



THE RATTLE SWAYS AND BANGS! GREAT ROCKS WITHIN BATTER THE WALLS UNTIL IT THUNDERS LIKE A MADMAN'S DRUM! INSIDE IT, REDMASK IS TOSSED HERE AND THERE, LIKE A CHIP IN THE GALE!



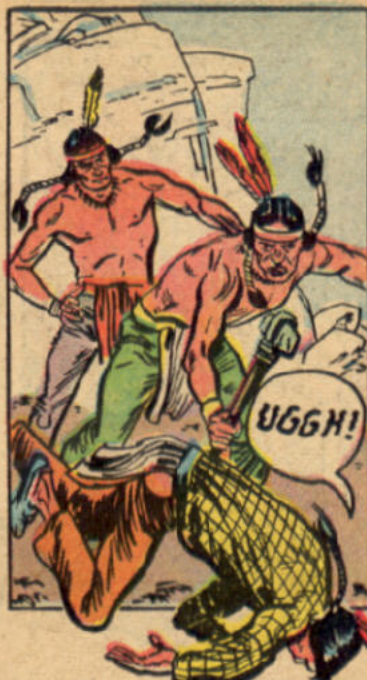
FOR A FEW WILD, TERRIFYING MOMENTS, REDMASK FACES DEATH A DOZEN TIMES! THEN A ROPE IS TOSSED TO HIM...



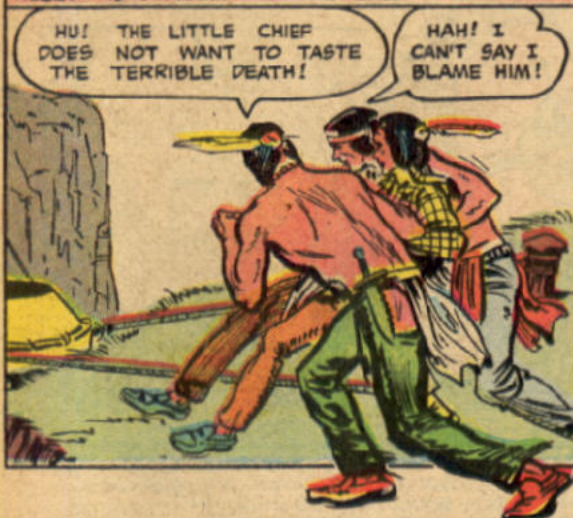
MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE T-BAR-H RANCH...



SAVAGELY CHARLEY HELLO FIGHTS, BUT THREE KIOWA WARRIORS ARE TOO MUCH FOR HIM TO HANDLE...



THE GREAT RATTLE IS DRAWN CLOSE! CHARLEY HELLO IS DRAGGED TO THE EDGE—



FROM THE EDGE OF THE FIRMS KIMMING THE CLIFF—



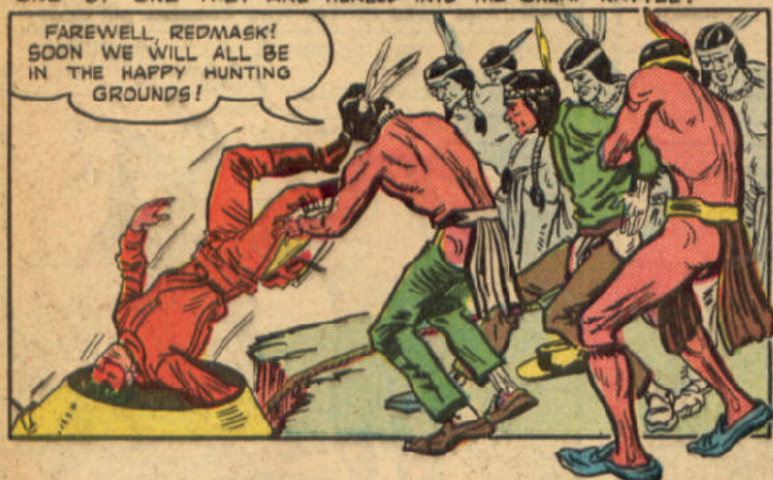
WITH SAVAGE FURY, REDMASK AND TALL HORSE PLOW INTO THE KIOWAS! FOR A MOMENT, WARCLUB AND HUNTING KNIFE RISE AND FALL—



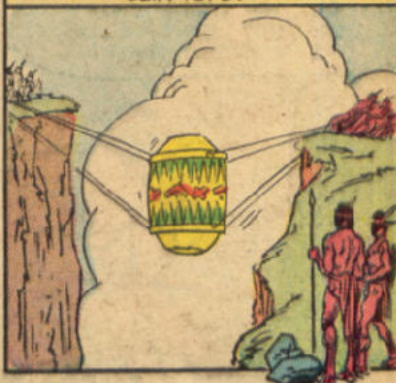
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THE CAPTIVES ARE BROUGHT TO THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF.
ONE BY ONE THEY ARE HURLED INTO THE GREAT RATTLE!



WHEN THEY ARE INSIDE, AND THE
OPENING COVERED AND LASHED
DOWN, THE GREAT RATTLE IS
LIFTED, SUSPENDED BETWEEN THE
CLIFFTOPS!



WITH WOODEN CROSSBARS, THE
KIOWAS SET THE HIDE RATTLE
IN MOTION...



INSIDE THE DEATH BAG, REDMASK AND TALL HORSE AND
CHULILILLO ARE THROWN UP AND DOWN AND SIDWAYS,
WHILE MIGHTY ROCK BOULDERS BOUNCE AND
FLY FROM ONE SIDE OF THE RATTLE TO THE OTHER!



DEATH SLIPS INSIDE THE HIDE CIRCLES, BRING TERROR AND UTTER MADNESS!

AAAGGGH!



EEEEGGH!

IN A WILD FRENZY, REDMASK DRAWS HIS KNIFE, AND, USING IT AS A CLAW, DRAGS HIMSELF TOWARD THE HIDE WALL AND SLITS IT —

GOT TO GET OUT!
STOP THIS THING
OR — GO MAD!



WITH KNIFE BLADE, HE CRAWLS UP THE RATTLE TO THE RIM...

HOLD ON IN THERE!



CUT ROPE —
RATTLE WILL
STOP AND FALL...!

NOW FOR
DOG RUNNING!

YOU ESCAPED THE DEATH
RATTLE — BUT YOU WILL NOT
ESCAPE MY WAR-LANCE!

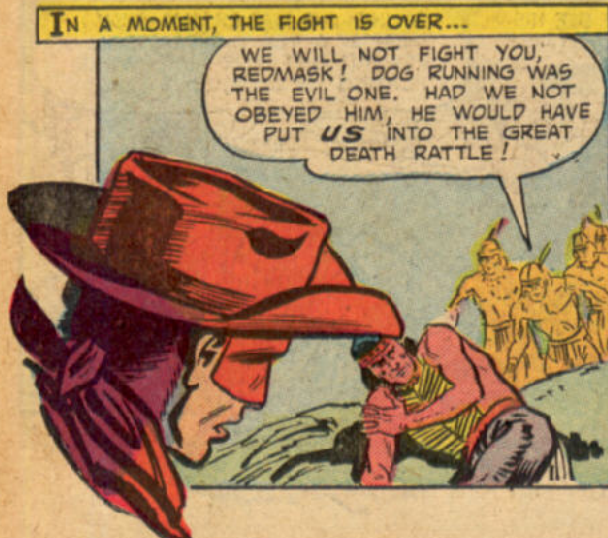


YOU MISSED ME!
NOW IT'S MY
CHANCE!



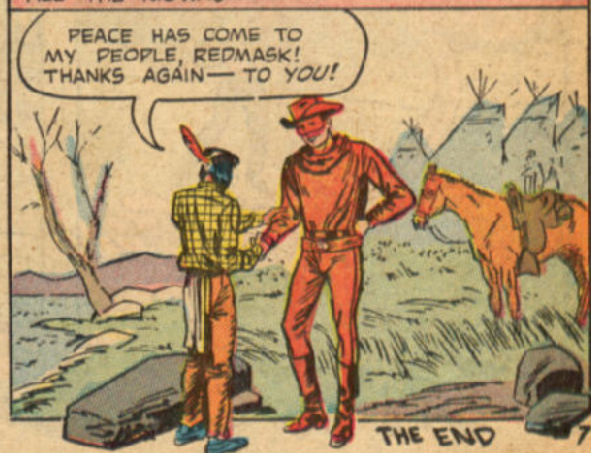
IN A MOMENT, THE FIGHT IS OVER...

WE WILL NOT FIGHT YOU,
REDMASK! DOG RUNNING WAS
THE EVIL ONE. HAD WE NOT
OBEYED HIM, HE WOULD HAVE
PUT **US** INTO THE GREAT
DEATH RATTLE!



AND SO THE DEATH RATTLE IS DESTROYED AND
CHULILLO BECOMES ONCE AGAIN CHIEF OF
ALL THE KIOWAS...

PEACE HAS COME TO
MY PEOPLE, REDMASK!
THANKS AGAIN — TO YOU!



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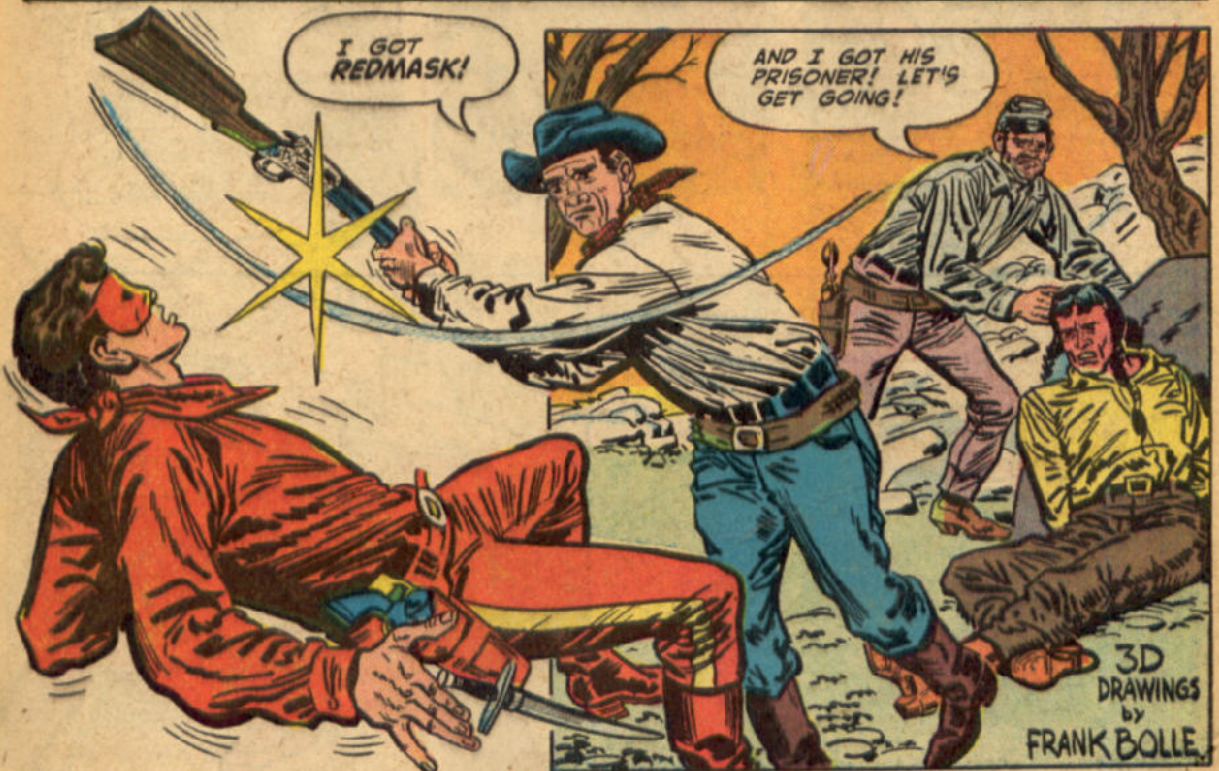
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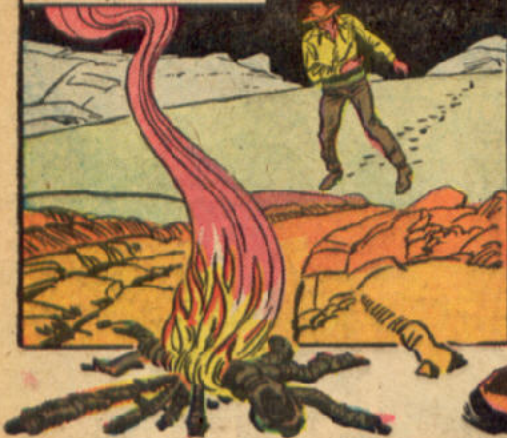
DEATH WALKS ACROSS THE DESERT WITH REDMASK AS HE BRINGS A PRISONER IN TO JAIL. FOR GREED AS POWERFUL AS A RIFLE BULLET IS A HARD THING TO FIGHT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THAT GREED ALLIES ITSELF WITH TWO MEN WHO WILL NOT SCRUPLE TO KILL REDMASK TO GET THEIR HANDS ON GOLD! AND TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THERE'S THE EVIL INGENUITY OF

"THE
KIOWA
KID!"



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A CAMPFIRE GLOWS IN THE COLD DESERT NIGHT. TOWARD IT A MAN STAGGERS, BLINDLY, REELING—



YOU SEE HIS FACE, STEVE?

YEAH! IT'S THE KIOWA KID! THERE'S A TEN-THOUSAND-DOLLAR REWARD OUT FOR HIM! WE'RE PLAYING IN LUCK, HUH?





YOU'RE SAFE NOW, HOMBRE.
WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF
YOU—REAL GOOD CARE!

NEXT DAWN, TWO MEN ARE ANGRY AS THEY STARE DOWN AT
HOOFPRINTS IN THE SAND—

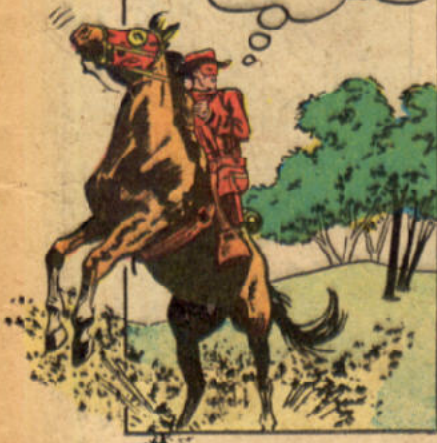


HE TOOK OFF 'FORE WE
WOKE UP—ON MY BRONC!

CAN'T GO FAR—DIDN'T
TAKE NO WATER! COME ON,
WE CAN CATCH HIM. MY
ROAN CAN CARRY DOUBLE!

SOME MILES AHEAD OF THE
DEAD CAMPFIRE —

I KILLED THE KIOWA
KID'S HORSE WHEN WE
TRADED HOT LEAD
YESTERDAY. BUT I SEE
HE'S FOUND A NEW
ONE!



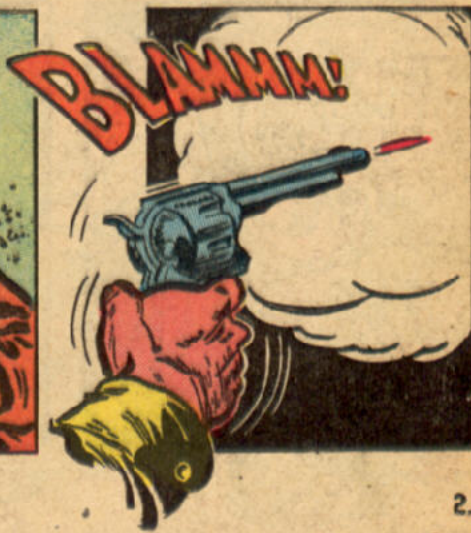
BUT NEW HORSE OR
OLD—THIS IS WHERE
YOU DISMOUNT!



YOU'LL NEVER
TAKE ME BACK
TO—NO JAIL...!



ONE INCH MORE SPANTE SPANTE
AND I'LL PUT A BULLET WHERE
IT'LL LET ME SPANTE
SPANTE RIDE OFF A
FREE MAN!



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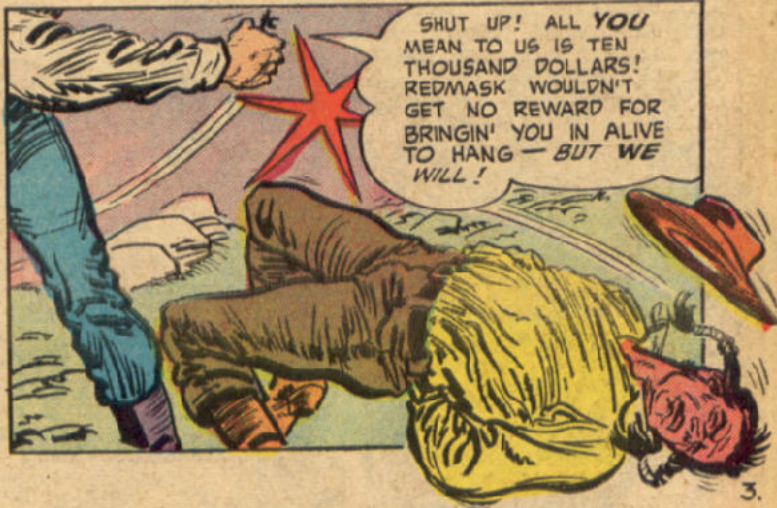
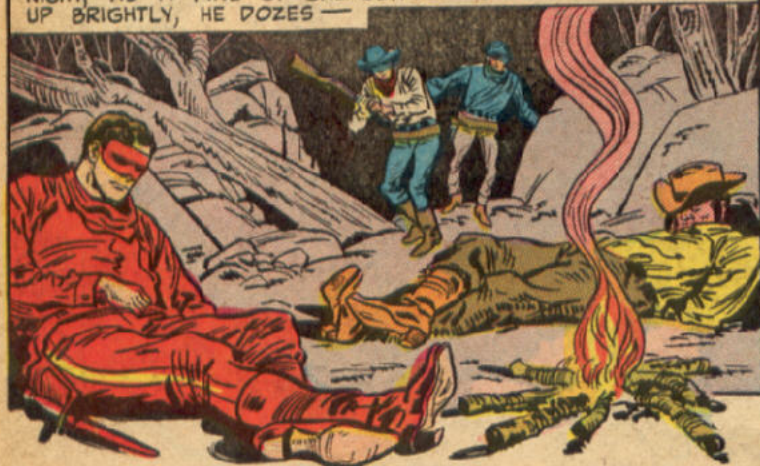
FROM A NEARBY SAND DUNE—

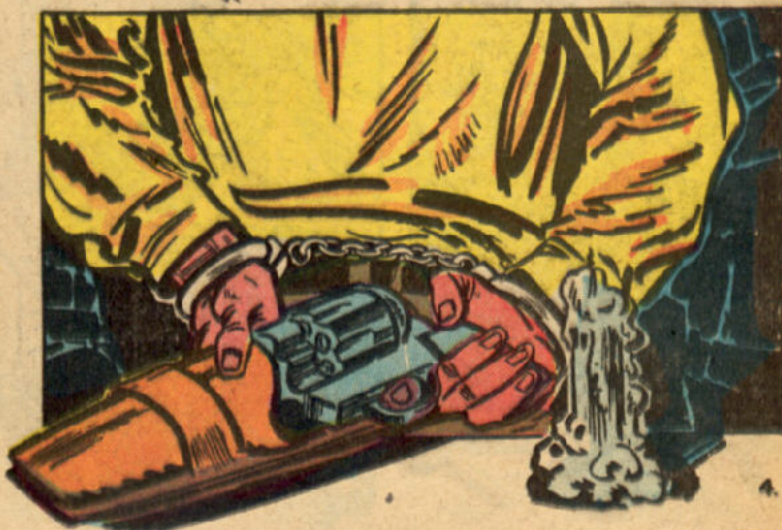
DID REDMASK GET HIM, RUFÉ? DID HE?

YEAH! HE'S PUTTIN' HANDCUFFS ON HIM NOW. GOING TO TAKE HIM BACK TO BULLET!



FOR TWO DAYS, REDMASK HAS BEEN WITHOUT REST. THIS NIGHT, AS A FIRE OF GREASEWOOD BRANCHES BLAZES UP BRIGHTLY, HE DOZES—





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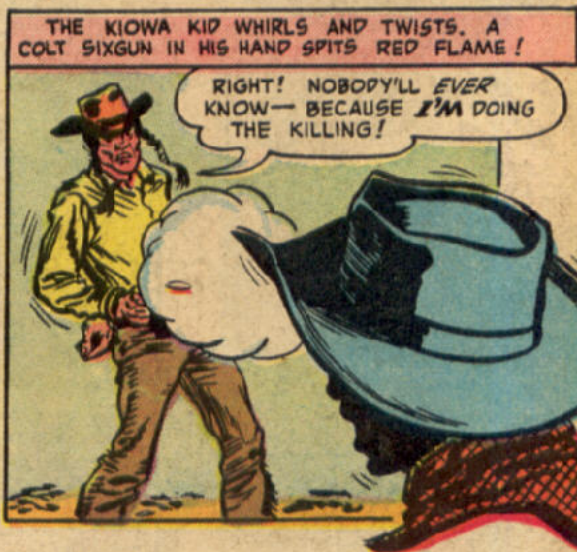


HA! HA! HA! HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH, STEVE! WE'RE RICH!

HEE-HEE! HEE-HEE! ALL THIS MONEY—JUST FOR THE TWO OF US, RUFÉ!



YEAH! WHY SHOULD WE GIVE UP HALF THIS STUFF BY LETTING YOU GO FREE, KID? ALL I GOT TO DO IS PUMP LEAD IN YOUR MIDDLE. NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW WE KILLED YUH!



THE KIOWA KID WHIRLS AND TWISTS. A COLT SIXGUN IN HIS HAND SPITS RED FLAME!

RIGHT! NOBODY'LL EVER KNOW—BECAUSE I'M DOING THE KILLING!



AN EXPRESSION OF UTTER AMAZEMENT CONTORTS THE FEATURES OF BIG RUFÉ. HIS HANDS CLAW AT HIS STOMACH AS HIS LEGS TURN TO RUBBER UNDER HIM...

YOU DIRTY... DOUBLE-CROSSER... TRICKED ME! NEVER KNEW YOU HAD A SIXGUN... HIDDEN IN HERE...



NO...NO — AAAAGGH!



YOU STUPID FOOLS! DID YOU THINK I'D TURN OVER A PENNY OF MY LOOT TO YOUR KIND? THIS MONEY BELONGS TO ME. I'LL BORROW REDMASK'S BRONC, WRANGLER—AND BE OVER THE MEX BORDER BY SUNDOWN!

LATER, STAGGERING WITH THIRST, REDMASK ARRIVES AT THE CAVE WHERE THE LOOT IS HIDDEN...

LOOKS AS IF I'M TOO LATE!



HE GOT AWAY—ON YOUR BRONC! GOING TO THE MEXICAN BORDER!

I'LL NEVER CATCH HIM, THEN! BUT I'LL GIVE IT A TRY, NOW THAT YOUR BANDAGED UP.



THOSE TWO WON'T GO FAR ON FOOT IN THE DESERT, NOT WITHOUT WATER! AND I TOOK IT ALL WITH ME!



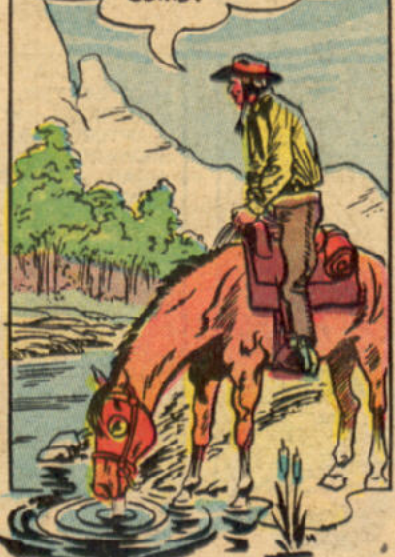
STEADILY, REDMASK RACES SOUTHWARD, REALIZING THAT HE HAS LITTLE CHANCE TO OVERTAKE THE KIOWA KID, BUT REFUSING TO QUIT...

BY CHANGING MOUNTS, I CAN MAKE FAR BETTER TIME THAN THE KID. I IMAGINE HE FIGURES HE'S SAFE ENOUGH, SO HE WON'T BE HURRYING.

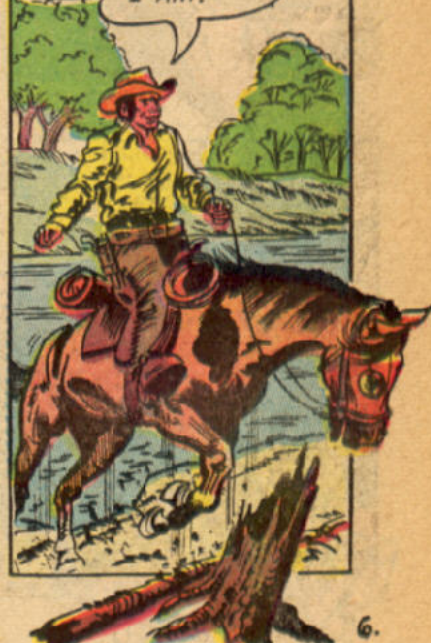


REDMASK PROVES A GOOD PROPHET. AT THAT MOMENT, THE KIOWA KID SITS THE SADDLE, BUILDING A SMOKE, LETTING WRANGLER DRINK IN THE RIO GRANDE —

YESSIR, I'M SAFE! RIGHT ACROSS THERE IS MEXICO. NOBODY CAN BRING ME BACK TO THIS SIDE, EITHER, UNTIL I'M READY TO COME!



GOT MY POCKETS LINED WITH GREENBACKS, SO I CAN LIVE REAL EASY FOR A YEAR. BY THAT TIME THE HEAT WILL DIE DOWN, AND I CAN COME BACK TO GET THE REST OF MY LOOT! ...MEXICO—HERE I AM!



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AS REDMASK REINS UP ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER, HE SEES HIS PREY SAFE ON THE OTHER SIDE!



HE GOT AWAY!
NOTHING I CAN
DO NOW!

HA! HA! HA! REDMASK
FAILED **THIS** TIME! HE'S
GOT NO WAY TO GET ME
BACK THERE. HE DASSN'T
COME OVER HERE AND GET
ME! HA! HA! HA! I'M THE
FIRST HOMBRE WHO EVER
BEAT HIM! HA! HA!



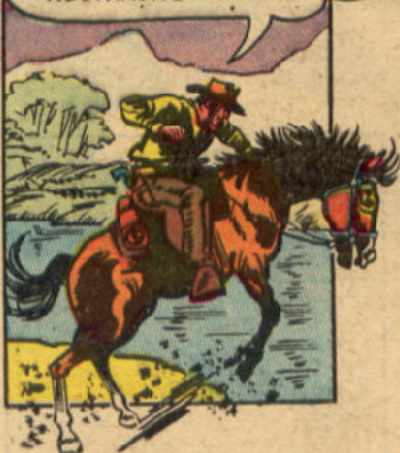
AS THE KIOWA KID BENDS
DOUBLE IN TRIUMPHANT
MIRTH, REDMASK SUDDENLY
PLACES TWO FINGERS IN
HIS MOUTH—

TWEEE-EE-EEET!



AT THAT SIGNAL, WRANGLER
REARS HIGH—

HEY!—WAIT! DOGGONE!
THIS BRONC GRABBED THE
BIT IN HIS TEETH! THAT
WHISTLE WAS A SIGNAL TO
HIM! I FORGOT THIS IS
REDMASK'S HORSE!



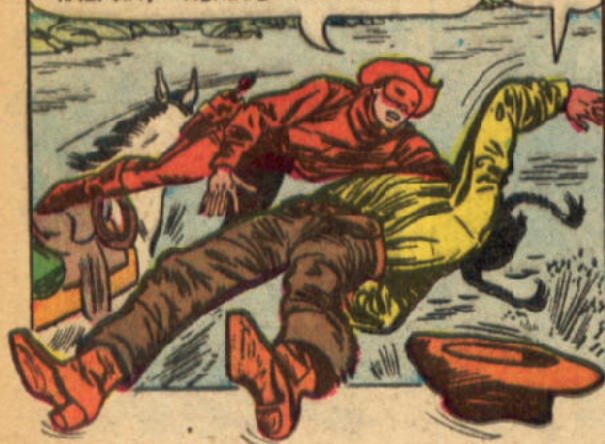
AT A HARD GALLOP, WRANGLER
COMES BACK ACROSS THE
RIO GRANDE—BRINGING HIS
RIDER WITH HIM!

DOGGONE. YUH!
I DON'T WANT
TO GO BACK TO THE
UNITED
STATES!
STOP!
STOP!



TO SHOW YOU WHAT A WELCOME
YOU'RE GETTING, KID—I CAME
HALFWAY ACROSS TO MEET YOU!

YIP!



IF IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL
ANY BETTER, THOSE TWO
HOMBRES WHO TRIED TO
CAPTURE YOU FOR THE
REWARD MONEY ON YOUR
HEAD ARE GOING TO JAIL
TOO, FOR OBSTRUCTING
JUSTICE!

**AHH,
SHADDUP!**



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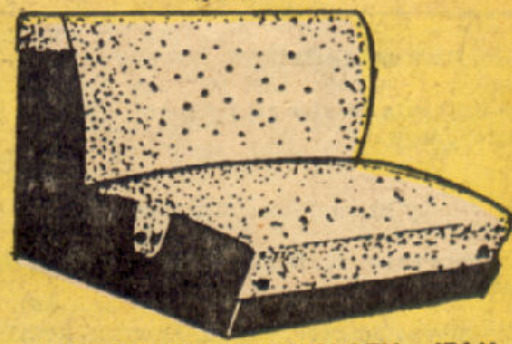


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REDMASK'S CAVE

Hello, Boys and Girls!

The mail gets heavier all the time! But keep it coming, anyway!

TO: Jimmy Hargis, Rossville, Georgia.

There were four Dalton brothers: Grat, Bob, Emmett and Bill.

TO: Steven Johnson, Salem, Oregon; Rosalie Kidd, Sinks Grove, West Virginia; Tommy Stevenson, Menomonie, Wisconsin; Harold Bowden, Angier, North Carolina; Isabelle; Jerome Ashy, Houston, Texas; Annetta May Ferrin, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Bob Blackwood, Elkhart, Indiana; Patricia Kelley, Shafter, California; Barbara Trueman, Kittery, Maine; Abbie R. Gadson, Savannah, Georgia; Joyce Kelling, Newport News, Virginia; Bobby Kelling, Newport News, Virginia; Robert Piecuch, South Bend, Indiana; Graham McKay, Woodstock, Ontario; Bruce Worrell, Battle Creek, Michigan; Larry Wilson, Dresden, Ontario; Billy Ray Ferguson; Murray Mattice, Quincey, California; Nancy Powers, Ellensburg, Washington; Marshal Harris, Sacramento, California; Towner Lapp, LeRoy, New York; Jimmie Underwood, Brentwood, California; Patsy Ann Humphrey, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Kay McDonald, Charles City, Iowa; Ted Mowers, Utica, New York; Linda Lee Jelks, Carmi, Illinois; Skeeter Duffer, South Boston, Virginia; Dawn and Jack Mahan, Nashua, Iowa; Albert Beltran, Wasco, California.

Tim Holt appears in western movies regularly. However, he does not appear in them as Redmask. If you readers of Tim Holt Comics want to see Tim as Redmask in the movies, why not write in to Redmask's Cave and tell him so?

Tim Holt's real name is Charles John Holt, Jr. He is married and has one child, a son named Lance. He first got into the movies when discovered in an amateur contest by a scout for Walter Wanger. His father is the old time western star, Jack Holt.

Chito Rafferty no longer appears in the movies with Tim.

No pictures can be sent out at this time, although your editors are working hard on this. We sometimes print pictures of Tim and his horse in our comic books, on the end pages. You might clip these out and save them.

The mask Redmask dons in the comic stories of his adventures had to be changed to make it easier for him to breathe. After all — Redmask's exertions call for plenty of activity, and when you

are active, it helps to be able to breathe in that air freely!

Redmask and Tim Holt carry .45-calibre Colt Peacemakers.

Redmask never gets shot because his gun is faster than those of the outlaws. After all — great lawmen like Wyatt Earp and Pat Garrett and Buffalo Bill Cody were never shot, though they fought Indians and badmen almost all their lives! The only way they could shoot Wild Bill Hickok was in the back! Billy the Kid was shot in a dark room when he could not see to shoot back.

Redmask first appeared in issue #20 of Tim Holt comics.

Zut is the dwarf who lives in, and guards, Redmask's cave.

Ronald Prester, Wyoming, Delaware.

The most famous gun in the old west was the .45 calibre Colt Peacemaker. A .45 and a six-shooter are one and the same gun. It is just another name for the revolver of that particular calibre. The Peacemaker Colt was used by Wild Bill Hickok, Billy the Kid, John Wesley Hardin, Wyatt Earp and other lawmen and outlaws.

(DUE TO THE FACT THAT SO MANY REPEAT QUESTIONS COME IN ON ANSWERS ALREADY GIVEN, THE EDITORS WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT IF YOUR NAME IS OMITTED FROM AN ANSWER HEADING, IT IS BECAUSE YOUR QUESTION HAS ALREADY BEEN HANDLED.)

TO: Mary Katherine Jaynes, Athens, Tennessee; Karenne Wolfswinkel, Bismark, North Dakota; Lindley Bennett, no address.

The Arabian horse is probably the world's most famous horse. In this country, the palomino is well known, as is the apaloosa, the speckled horse of the Nez Perce Indians. Tony — Tom Mix's horse — is one of the most famous in the history of the movies. Ask your Dad about him! A Morgan quarter horse was one of the fastest horses in the days of the old west. Of course, race horses are a thoroughbred group, but there were few thoroughbred racehorses on the plains in the old days.

TO: Roland Lee Dirk, Protection, Kansas; Irma Pohl, Spondin, Alberta; Judith Ann Bowser, Clyde, Ohio; Willis Slone, Dwale, Kentucky; Kenneth Campbell, Louisville, Kentucky; Etta Louise, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; no name, Athabasca, Alberta; Johnny Lloyd, Waycross, Georgia; Leon Lavelly, Jr., Beaumont, Texas;

Thelma Donelson, Eads, Tennessee; Geneva Hoffman, Newcastle, Pennsylvania; Rennie Collins, Oxford, New Jersey; John Claussen, Fargo, North Dakota; Billy Kingston, Salem, Oregon; Wayne W. Yank, Silver Creek, Quebec.

The Lone Ranger is not a real person. Neither is Red Ryder. These two famous cowboys are newspaper strip creations. Now the Lone Ranger appears on television, but actually, he is only a fictional character, played by an actor.

Guy Madison plays the part of Wild Bill Hickok on television. However, Wild Bill Hickok was a real, live person: a famous gunslinger and lawman of the old west. His marksmanship with a Colt Peacemaker was so remarkable that he has been known to shoot corks through the necks of bottles standing on end without breaking the bottles' necks! He was killed in 1876, shot in the back by Jack McCall. In previous issues, we have discussed all that, so we will not take up any more space on this matter.

Charles Starrett, who plays the part of "The Durango Kid" in the movies, was born in Athol, Massachusetts. He played varsity football at Dartmouth when a young man. He lives today in Bakersville, California.

TO: Jaime Madrid, Marfa, Texas.

The greatest gunfighter in the west is generally conceded to be Wild Bill Hickok — though being a Texan, maybe your vote goes to John Wesley Hardin!

TO: David Lindsay, Canton, North Carolina; Allan Lieberthal, Chicago, Illinois; Ormond Goss, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Kit Carson was a famous frontiersman and scout for the U.S. cavalry. Born in 1809, he ran away from home when a boy and arrived in Santa Fe in 1826. He was a trapper and hunter until 1830, when he travelled to California, then swung north to hunt beaver. He served with Fremont in 1842, 1843 and 1845. Kit Carson fought in the Mexican War, and was a guide for wagons crossing the plains to California. In 1854 he became Indian agent at Taos, New Mexico. During the Civil War he was chief of scouts during border warfare in the southwest. Made a brigadier-general in 1865, he died peaceably in bed at Fort Lyon, Colorado, May 23, 1868. He was a great Indian fighter and frontiersman, and ranks with Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett as one of the most famous of all scouts and guides. There are many books out for boys and girls about Kit Carson. You will enjoy reading them!

TO: Benjamin Lopez, Indio, California.

The rifle that Daniel Boone used was a so-called Kentucky rifle. Actually, these Kentucky rifles were made in Pennsylvania by Dutch gunsmiths. Their long barrels and fine workmanship made them invaluable to our early hunters

and Indian fighters. Made in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, this rifle was also known as the Pennsylvania rifle. The gunstock was of seasoned maplewood. The weapon was fired by a flint-stone and steel that produced a spark to touch off the gunpowder in the barrel. The stock had a brass muzzle cap, buttplate, trigger guard, patch and compartment cover. These rifles were almost five feet long! No wonder a synonym for them was "the long rifle!"

TO: Bernard Winderlich, Calgary, Alberta; William J. Kulchyski, Saskatchewan, Canada; Karen Saxberg, Hannaford, North Dakota; Gary Smith, Perryburg, Ohio; Van Phipps, Clinton, Oklahoma; Tommy Lewis, Wilmington, Delaware; Everett Soris, Eureka, California.

The first Indian war with white men began when Spanish explorers fought the Incas and Aztecs. In New England, King Philip's War followed soon after the founding of the Pilgrim's colony at Boston. These wars occurred over three hundred years ago, so you can see that Indian warfare is no new thing in this country!

The Indians used red cedar, hickory and orangewood for their bows. Some Indians even used horn bows. The only place to secure one of these bows today might be on an Indian reservation.

Though Sitting Bull attempted to get into Canada, he never made it. He and his Sioux were great warriors. A detailed history of the Sioux and their wars was printed in "Straight Arrow Comics". We have no pictures of Indians for distribution. Sorry!

The Indians in our comic books are real Indians, based on painstaking research into the lives and ways of warfare of the various Indian tribes mentioned.

Indians took scalps because they were symbols of triumph. Taking a scalp counted as a big coup — similar to a medal-of-honor for a soldier from the government today. A warrior with many scalps was like a soldier with a lot of medals for bravery!

TO: Faye King, no address.

Muy pronto is Spanish. It means very fast, or immediately

REMEMBER, BOYS AND GIRLS — WE CANNOT SEND PICTURES AT THIS TIME. IF YOU WANT A PERSONAL ANSWER, BE SURE TO ENCLOSE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED, IT MAY BE BECAUSE WE HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED YOUR QUESTION. IF YOU HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS — SEND THEM IN!

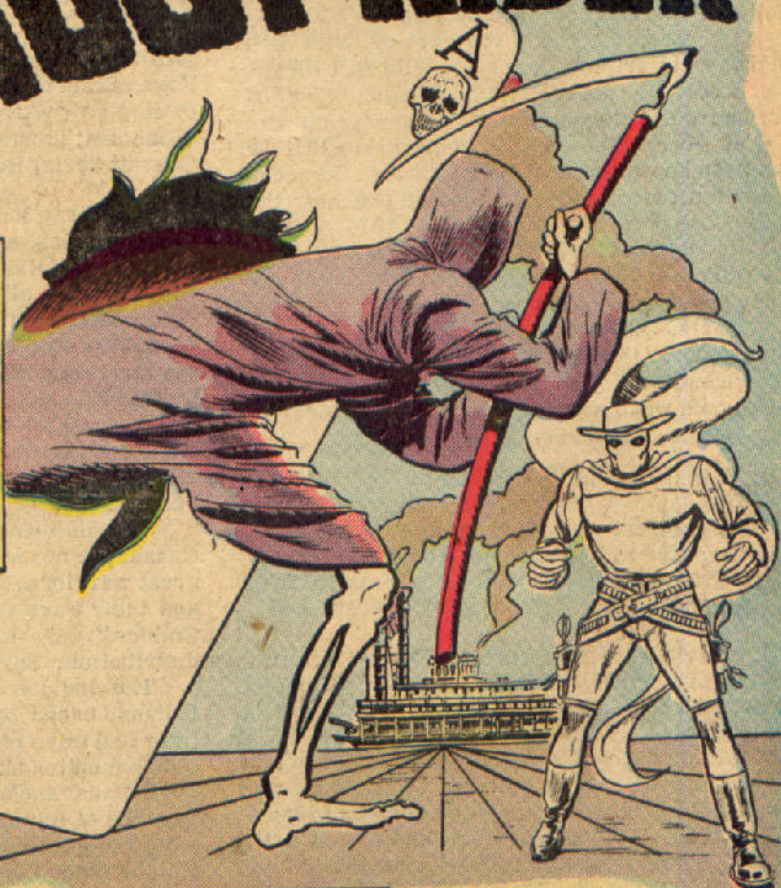
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GHOST RIDER

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THIS WAS NO ORDINARY PLAYING-CARD... THIS WAS THE **ACE OF DEATH!** AND WHEN THE ACE OF DEATH FLIPPED ONTO THE TABLE, SOMEONE ALWAYS DIED! EVEN **THE GHOST RIDER** FACED EXTINCTION WHEN THAT FATAL CARD WAS DEALT...!



THEY CALL HIM **FAST DEAL** FARNSWORTH! HE RUNS THE NO-LIMIT POKER GAME ON THE RIVERBOAT, **BELLA MAE**...



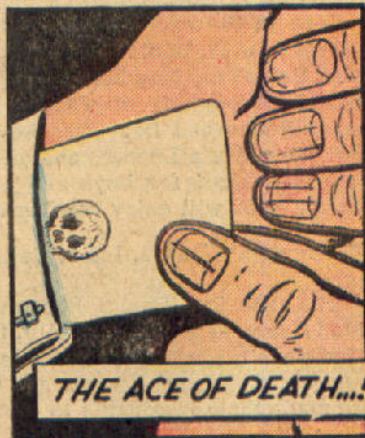
AND TONIGHT HIS LUCK IS PHENOMENAL!

BUT IS IT **LUCK**?

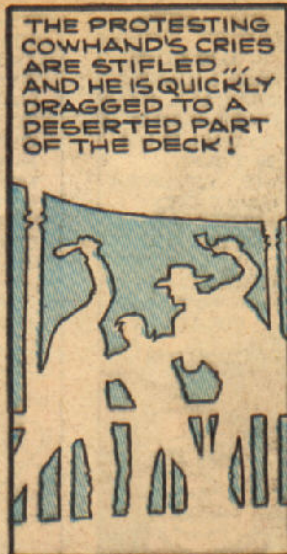
YUH'RE CHEATIN', FARNSWORTH! THESE CARDS ARE MARKED!



THE RIVER GAMBLER DOES NOT ANSWER... HE SMILES CRUELLY. AND FROM UNDER HIS CUFF, A CARD FLUTTERS DOWN ONTO THE TABLE...

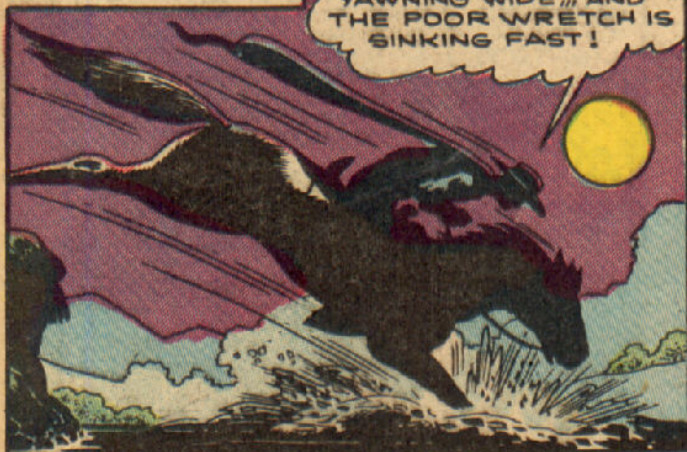


THE ACE OF DEATH...!

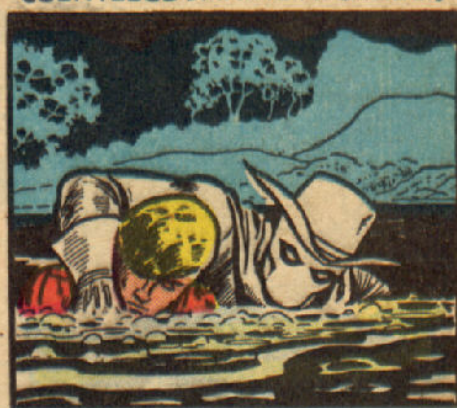


BUT THE VICIOUS CRIME HAS NOT GONE UNSEEN!

NO TIME TO DISMOUNT, SPECTRE! THE WATERY GRAVE IS YAWNING WIDE... AND THE POOR WRETCH IS SINKING FAST!



A SPLASH... A SPEEDY SURFACE-DIVE... A MOMENT'S GROPING IN MURKY WATERS— AND THE GHOST RIDER HAS EFFECTED ANOTHER OF HIS COUNTLESS DARING RESCUES!



IT WASN'T MINE, GHOST RIDER! THET'S WHUT MAKES IT EVEN WORSE — I WAS GAMBLIN' WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY! MY NAME IS LOU CLATON. I COME FROM LOST BONE VALLEY...



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"THUH RANCHERS IN THUH VALLEY BEEN HAVIN' A TERRIBLE HARD TIME WATERIN' THEIR CATTLE..."

HOWDY, LEM—WHUT'RE YUH DOIN' HERE THIS TIME OF THUH DAY?

I GOT AN IDEA THET'LL SAVE EVERY LAST RANCHER IN THUH VALLEY!



IF WE POOL OUR MONEY AN' CALL IN ENGINEERS TO BUILD US A DAM, WE'LL NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT WATER AGAIN! IT'LL COST \$50,000! YUH WITH ME, BRAD...?

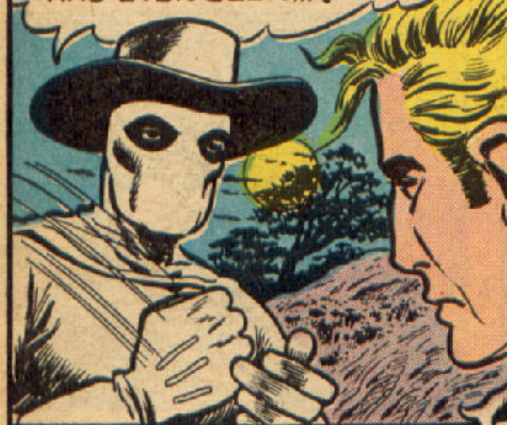


"THUH RANCHERS ALL CHIPPED IN..." AN' LEM STOVER SENT ME TO HAND THUH MONEY OVER TO THUH ENGINEERIN' OUTFIT. LEM'S BIG MISTAKE WAS PUTTIN' ME ON THET RIVERBOAT. EVERYBODY IN THUH VALLEY KNOWS I CAIN'T SAY NO TO A POKER GAME..."

CARE TO TAKE A HAND, STRANGER?



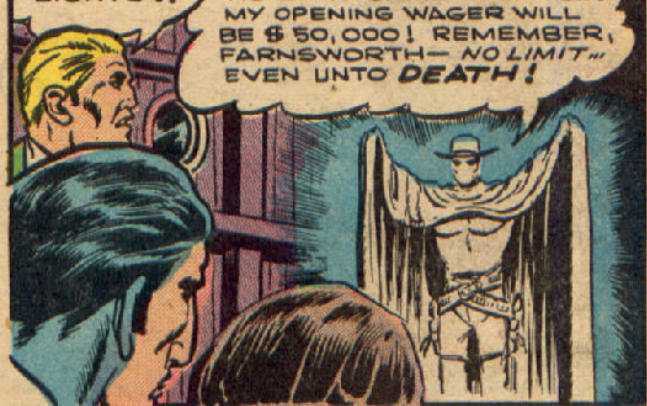
FAST DEAL FARNSWORTH WILL SOON BE VISITED BY ME! AND THE DEAL I GIVE HIM WILL BE THE FASTEST HE HAS EVER SEEN...!



THE NEXT NIGHT, ABOARD THE BELLA MAE...

WH-WHUT HAPPENED TO THUH LIGHTS?!

IT IS I, THE GHOST RIDER, WHO COMES IN THE DARKNESS TO PLAY A NO-LIMIT GAME WITH YOU! MY OPENING WAGER WILL BE \$50,000! REMEMBER, FARNSWORTH—NO LIMIT... EVEN UNTO DEATH!

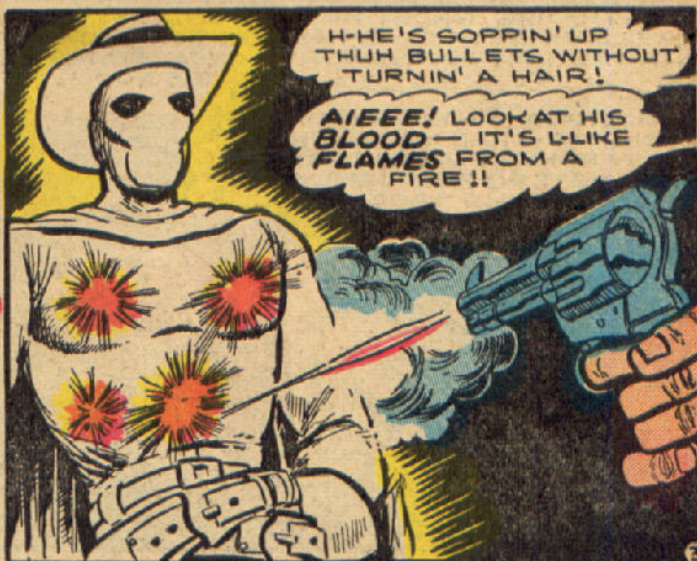


BUT THE WILY GAMBLER KNOWS WHAT A 'GAME' WITH THE GHOST RIDER MEANS! AND HE IS AS FAST WITH A SIX-SHOOTER AS HE IS WITH THE PASTEBOARDS!



H-HE'S SOPPIN' UP THUH BULLETS WITHOUT TURNIN' A HAIR!

AIEEE! LOOK AT HIS BLOOD—IT'S L-LIKE FLAMES FROM A FIRE!!

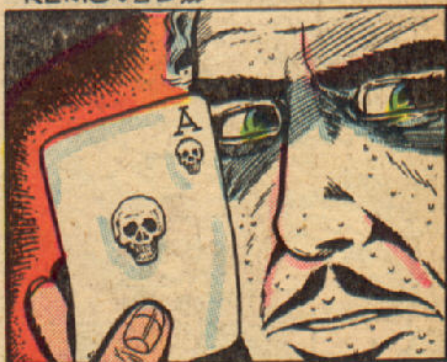


THEY ARE COWED! THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT I CAME PREPARED WITH A BULLET-PROOF VEST! AND THAT BETWEEN THE VEST AND MY SHIRT HANGS A RUBBER BAG FILLED WITH LUMINOUSLY TREATED WATER!

COME, FARNSWORTH, WE HAVE OUR GAME TO PLAY...!



FARNSWORTH'S FACE IS CHALK-WHITE AND DAMP WITH FEAR! BUT HE IS STILL A RATTLER WHOSE FANGS HAVE NOT BEEN REMOVED...



... AND HE FLASHES THE ACE OF DEATH!

A LEVER IS PULLED... AND A TRAPDOOR SWINGS DOWN, SENDING THE GHOST RIDER HURTLING INTO A WATER-FILLED HOLD!



IT WORKED, BOSS!

HE'S DROWNED FER SURE—AIN'T NO SIGN OF HIM!



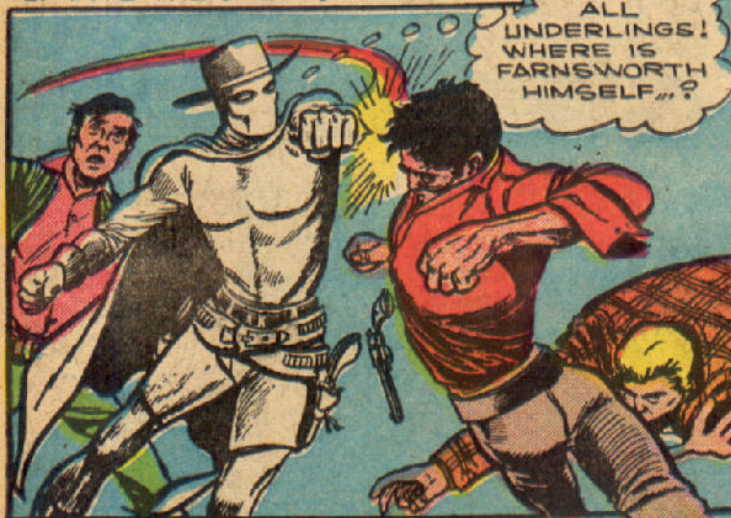
BUT THEN—

I DO NOT DROWN SO EASILY! A CAPE REVERSAL UNDER WATER... AND THEN I FLOATED UNDER MY BLACK-AS-NIGHT CAPE, BREATHING THE AIR TRAPPED IN ITS STIFF FOLDS!



NOW THE GHOST RIDER SWINGS UP INTO THE CABIN!

THESE ARE ALL UNDERLINGS! WHERE IS FARNSWORTH HIMSELF...?



THE SLIPPERY GAMBLER HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THE RUCKUS TO FLEE THE CABIN AND JUMP OVERBOARD!



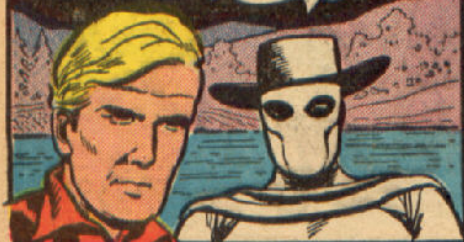
AND IN THAT BLACK SATCHEL IS THE RANCHER'S \$50,000!

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LATER, THE GHOST RIDER
KEEPS A RENDEZVOUS
WITH LOU CLAYTON ...

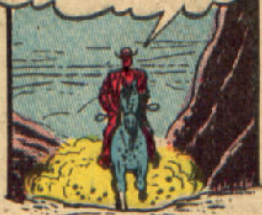
WE'LL NEVER CATCH UP
WITH FARNSWORTH NOW!

WE HAVE A GRAVER
PROBLEM THAN THAT!
I CAN ALWAYS TRACK
HIM DOWN... BUT HOW
WILL WE LEARN WHERE
HE HAS HIDDEN THE
MONEY...?



A WEEK HAS
PASSED AND NOW
ON A NARROW
MOUNTAIN TRAIL
NOT FAR FROM
LOST BONE
VALLEY...

I DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY
ABOUT THE GHOST
RIDER ANY MORE!
THUH MONEY'S
WHAR NOBODY'LL
EVER THINK TO
LOOK FER IT!



SUDDENLY—

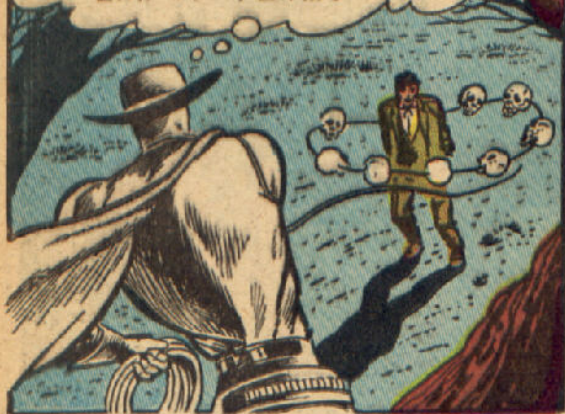
HEY!



I PREPARED THE TRAIL
AHEAD WITH A LINE OF
GUNPOWDER. ONE MATCH...
AND IT FLARED UP INTO A
WALL OF FLAME! NOW
FOR SOME MORE SPECTRAL
EFFECTS WHEREBY I
SHALL CRUMPLE
FARNSWORTH'S NERVES...
AND FORCE HIM TO CONFESS
WHERE HE HAS HIDDEN
THE MONEY!

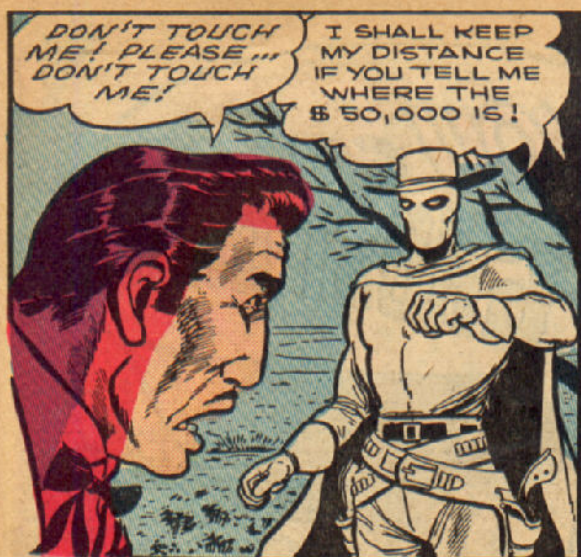


THE SKULLS ARE ATTACHED TO MY
BLACK LARIAT WHICH IS
INVISIBLE IN THE DARKNESS OF
THE NIGHT! BUT MY BAG OF
FEARSOME TRICKS IS NOT
EMPTY YET...

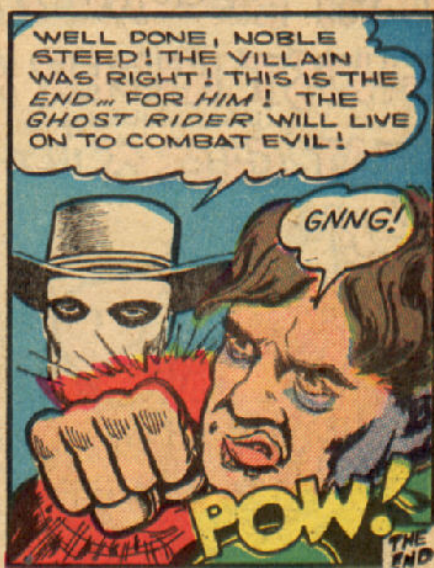
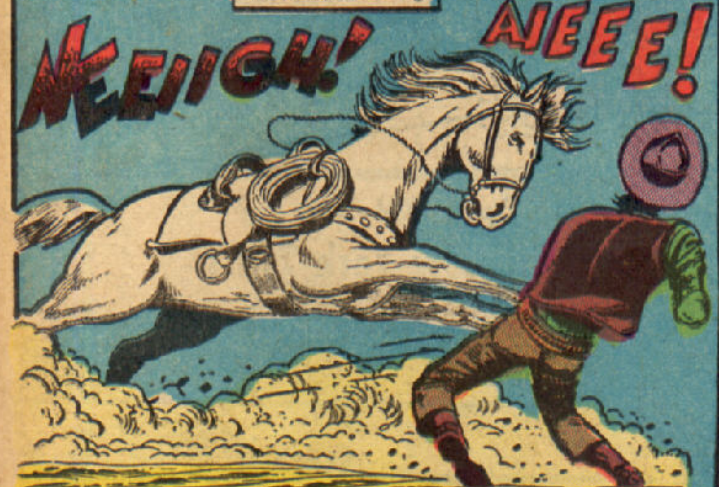


NO...
NO!





BUT AT THAT MOMENT, IN RESPONSE TO THE GHOST RIDER'S WHISTLE, SPECTRE GALLOPS FORWARD!



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**YOU CAN BE
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WITH THIS WEIRD SCARF
THAT BECOMES A REAL
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THAT GLOWS IN THE DARK!**

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on it...and a **SPOOKY**
white mask that becomes a
GHOST RIDER SKULL when
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I-I CAN'T!
I-I'M
AFRAID!

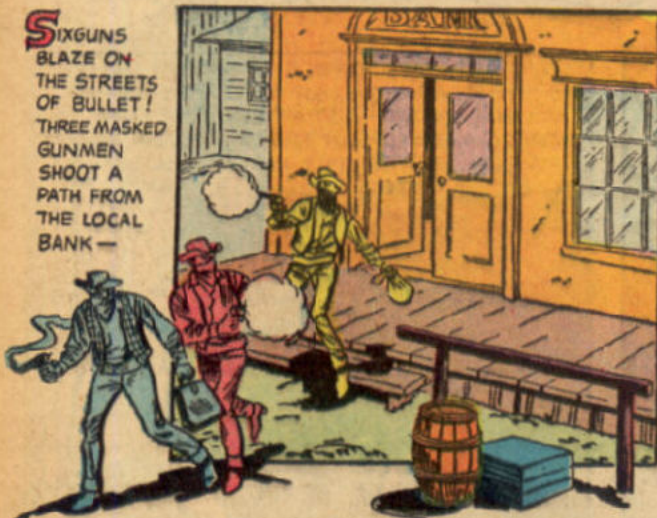


THE BLACK PHANTOM — LOVELY OUTLAW QUEEN TURNED DEPUTY SHERIFF — FAILS **REDMASK** IN HIS DESPERATE BATTLE AGAINST THE CLAW JENKINS GANG! HAS THE OUTLAW QUEEN DECIDED TO HELP HER FORMER RIDERS OF THE LONG TRAILS? OR IS THERE SOME OTHER ANSWER TO THE GRIM TREACHERY OF —

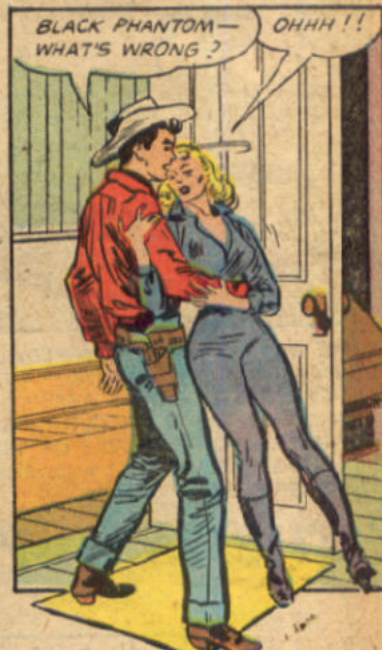
EXTRA DIMENSION EFFECT
ILLUSTRATED BY
FRANK BOLLE

"THE TWIN PHANTOM!"

SIXGUNS BLAZE ON THE STREETS OF BULLET! THREE MASKED GUNMEN SHOOT A PATH FROM THE LOCAL BANK —



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AS THE NOONDAY SUN LIFTS HIGH IN THE SKY —

THAT WOUND IN MY ARM ISN'T SO BAD. I CAN HARDLY FEEL IT DUE TO THE TIGHT BANDAGE DOC PUT AROUND IT. HE TOLD ME TO HIT THE TRAIL FOR THE T-BAR-H, BUT I'M GOING TO DISREGARD THAT!



IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAT I GO AFTER CLAW AND HIS TWO GUN PARDS! THEY KNOW THEY SHOT TIM HOLT, BUT IF I SHOW UP AS REDMASK, THEY WON'T KNOW I'M WOUNDED!

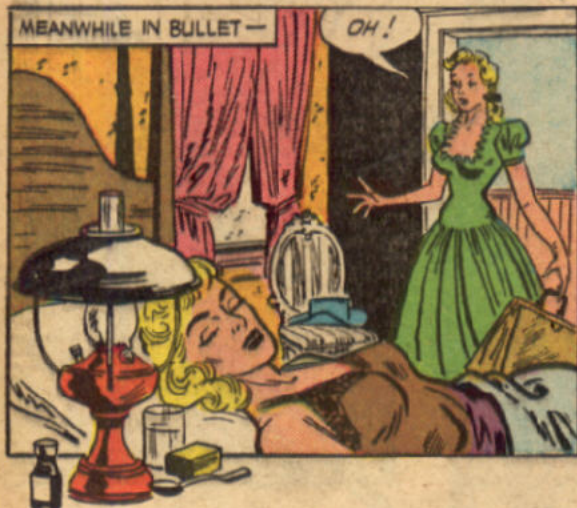


THE TRAIL LEADS INTO THE ROCKY DEFILES OF LOST INDIAN HILLS. HERE THE TRACKS PETER OUT, AND REDMASK SEARCHES CAREFULLY TO LOCATE THEM...



MEANWHILE IN BULLET —

OH!



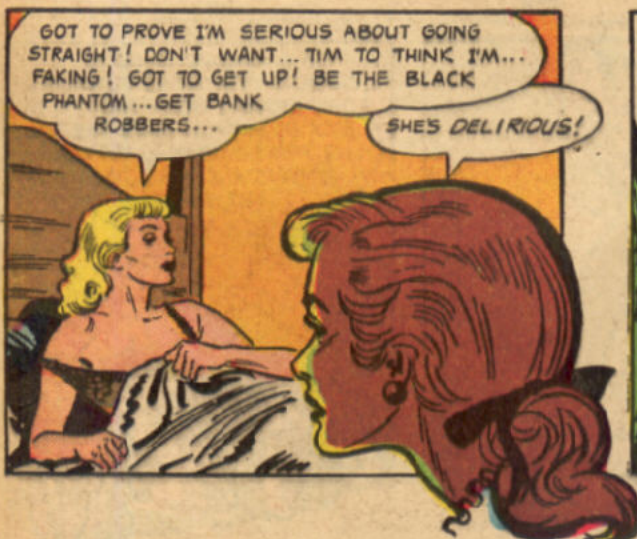
HELEN, IT'S YOUR SISTER, JICARILLA! DARLING, DID YOU GET MY LETTER?

BE ALL RIGHT... GO AFTER JENKINS GANG... I CAN DO IT...



GOT TO PROVE I'M SERIOUS ABOUT GOING STRAIGHT! DON'T WANT... TIM TO THINK I'M... FAKING! GOT TO GET UP! BE THE BLACK PHANTOM... GET BANK ROBBERS...

SHE'S DELIRIOUS!



HELEN! LISTEN TO ME! YOU STAY HERE! I'LL BE THE BLACK PHANTOM FOR YOU! WE'RE TWINS! NOBODY WILL EVER KNOW...



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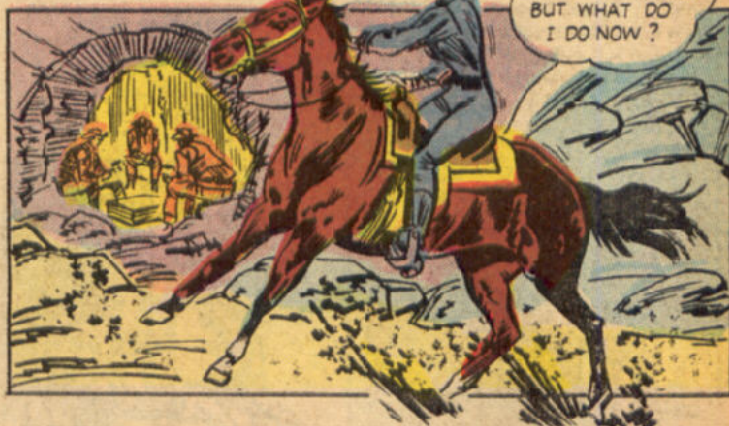
MOUNTING THE BLACK PHANTOM'S HORSE, JICARILLA RIDES OUT INTO THE FOOTHILLS...

I—I JUST HOPE I—I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANY SH-SHOOTING! I'VE NEVER HANDLED A GUN IN MY LIFE!



FATE PLAYS STRANGE PRANKS, FOR SOON, DEEP IN LOST INDIAN HILLS...

OH, THOSE MEN MUST BE THE BANK-ROBBERS! BUT WHAT DO I DO NOW?



THE BLACK PHANTOM!

SHE'S DYNAMITE WITH THOSE COLTS! DROP HER!



AT THAT MOMENT, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY—

QUICK, BLACK PHANTOM—SHOOT!



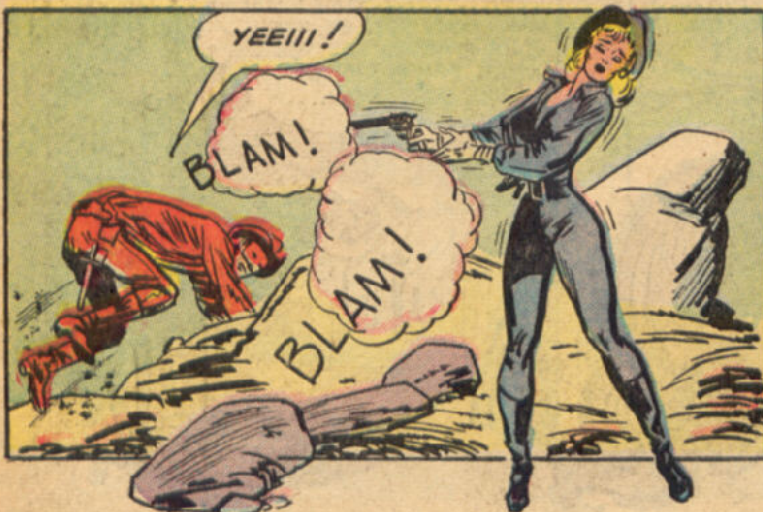
I'M AFRAID OF GUNS—MY GRACIOUS—WHAT DO I DO?



YEEIII!

BLAM!

BLAM!

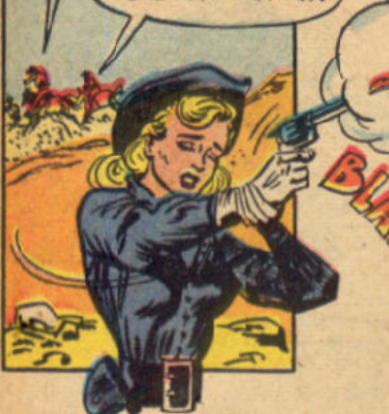


NOW I KNOW SHE'S IN CAHOOTS WITH THOSE OUTLAWS! SHE KNOWS I WON'T SHOOT BACK AT HER—SO SHE'S KEEPING ME PINNED DOWN WHILE CLAW JENKINS AND HIS BOYS GET AWAY!



HOARSE LAUGHTER RISES FROM HARD THROATS AS THE THREE OUTLAWS GALLOP OFF...

HAW! HAW! WHAT AN ACTRESS! PRETENDING SHE DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE A COLT! HA! HA! SHE SURE IS SMART—GIVING US THIS GETAWAY CHANCE BY ACTING LIKE THAT! HA! HA!



MOMENTS LATER—

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! CUT THE COMEDY! YOUR PALS ARE GONE!

YOU THINK I DID THAT TO LET THEM GET AWAY? OHHH...!



SOB! P-PLEASE BELIEVE ME! I'M HONEST... I DIDN'T MEAN TO LET THEM ES-ESCAPE...

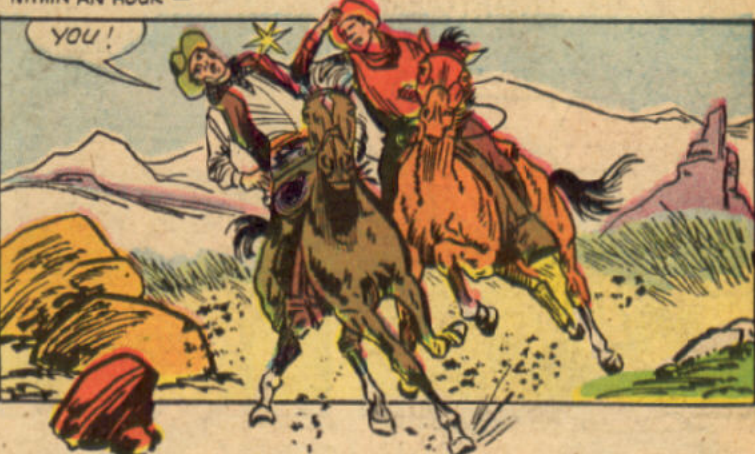
HUH! CROCODILE TEARS! STILL—I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SICK. MAYBE YOU STILL HAVE A FEVER. JUST ON THE CHANCE YOU MEAN WHAT YOU SAY, I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER TRY AT 'EM!



THEY'VE SPLIT UP, AND ARE TAKING DIFFERENT TRAILS. ONE'S HITTING FOR NEEDLE GAP, ANOTHER FOR PINE CONE FALLS. I'LL GO AFTER THE HOMBRE THAT'S CHOSEN HARDTACK CANYONS. YOU PICK ONE OF THE OTHERS AND FOLLOW HIM!



NO HORSE CAN MATCH STRIDES WITH THE GREAT STALLION, WRANGLER! WITHIN AN HOUR—



THE BLACK PHANTOM ISN'T AROUND TO GIVE YOU A HAND NOW, HOMBRE! LET'S SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO ON YOUR OWN!

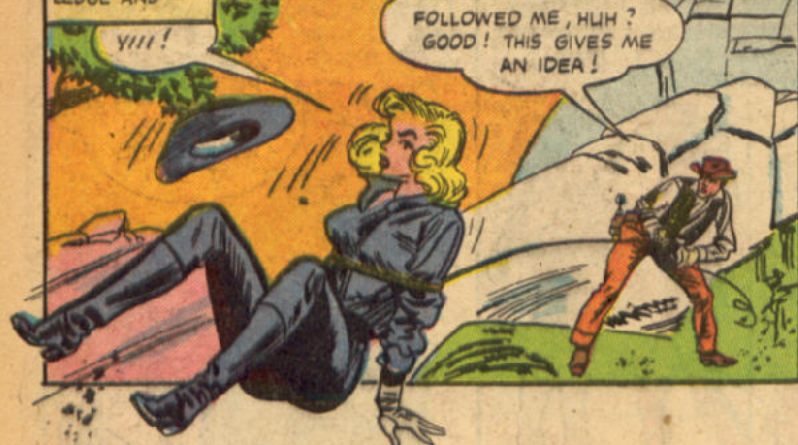


HUH! JUST AS I THOUGHT—NOT MUCH!



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IN THE MEANTIME, JICARILLA OVERTAKES THE FLEEING CLAW JENKINS. HEARING HOOFBEATS BEHIND HIM? CLAW TAKES REFUGE ON A ROCK LEDGE AND —



YOU'RE HURTING ME! MY ARM—OH, PLEASE!

YOU SURE DON'T SOUND LIKE THE BLACK PHANTOM I KNOW! STILL, YOU'LL BE JUST AS GOOD FOR BAIT, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER!



FIRING RAPIDLY INTO THE AIR, FOUR TIMES, CLAW SUMMONS HIS OUTLAW PARTNERS...

CLAW AND THE BLACK PHANTOM! WHAT'S UP?

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S UP! PHANTOM AND REDMASK ARE TRAILING US! REDMASK WENT AFTER HAL: PROBABLY CAUGHT HIM, TOO. BUT WE GOT AN ACE CARD IN THE BLACK PHANTOM!



WE USE HER AS BAIT, SEE? BAIT FOR REDMASK! THEN WHEN WE GOT HIM, WE USE HER AS A HOSTAGE IF HE DON'T AGREE — WE KILL BOTH OF THEM!



WITH HIS PRISONER SECURELY TIED BEFORE HIM, REDMASK GALLOPS ALONG THE TRAIL TAKEN BY THE BLACK PHANTOM, UNTIL —

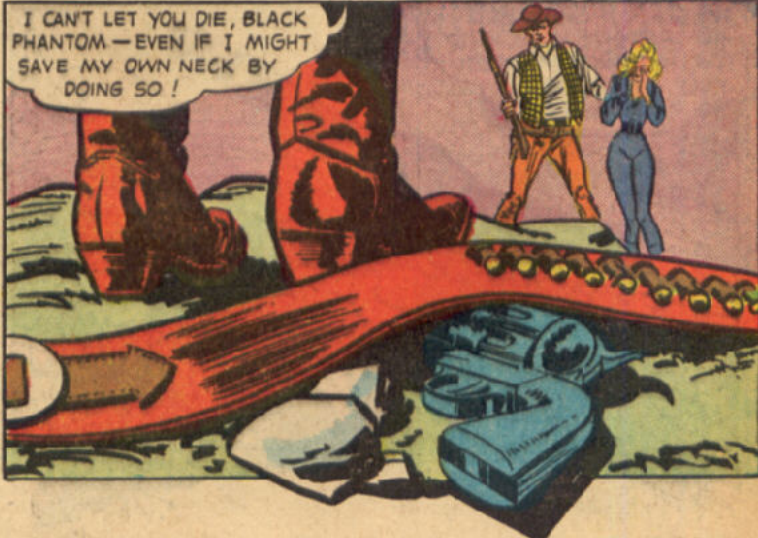


LIGHT DOWN AND MOVE FORWARD, NICE AND EASY. IF YOU DON'T, WE KILL THE BLACK PHANTOM RIGHT BEFORE YOUR EYES. SHUCK OUT THAT SHELLBELT, TOO!

NO, REDMASK! DON'T MIND ME! SAVE YOURSELF!



I CAN'T LET YOU DIE, BLACK PHANTOM — EVEN IF I MIGHT SAVE MY OWN NECK BY DOING SO!



Suddenly...

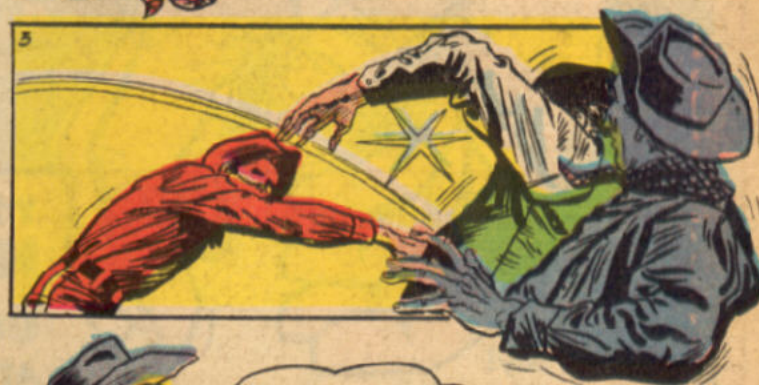
DROP YOUR OWN GUNS, CLAW! MOVE A MUSCLE AND I SHOOT! I'M THE REAL BLACK PHANTOM, SO DON'T COUNT ON MY MISSING YOU!



FOR A FROZEN MOMENT, CLAW JENKINS AND HIS KILLERS STARE UPWARD...



THIS IS ALL I WANTED—A CHANCE TO JUMP THEM BEFORE THEY COULD SHOOT!



I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT, BLACK PHANTOM!



BLACK PHANTOM! HE—KILLED YOU!



WITH DREAD IN HIS HEART, REDMASK LEAPS FORWARD...

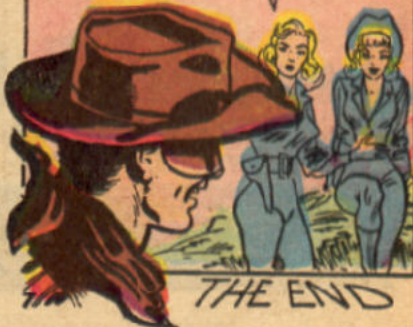
HE MISSED ME BY A MILE, REDMASK. BUT YOU SEE, I'M STILL SICK. I **FAINTED** JUST THEN FROM EXHAUSTION AND WEAKNESS!

YOU SURE HAD ME WORRIED, PHANTOM!



YES, MA'AM! YOU HAD ME WORRIED—IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. I FORGOT ABOUT YOUR TWIN SISTER!

AND I'M READY TO FORGET THAT I WAS EVER THE BLACK PHANTOM. COME ON. LET'S GET THESE MEN BACK TO JAIL. SO I WON'T BE LATE FOR MY SINGING ENGAGEMENT TONIGHT AT THE BULLET OPERA HOUSE!



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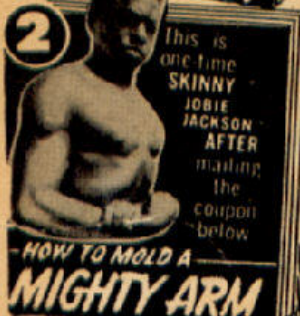
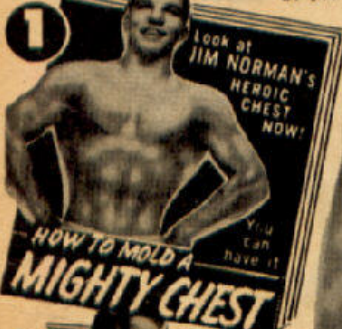
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